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SUBJECT: INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT NIXON

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT TOLBERT
FROM ZANZIBAR: "AS THE GREAT AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE OF
THE UNITED STATES CELEBRATE THE 197TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THEIR INDEPENDENCE, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF LIBERIA
JOIN MRS TOLBERT AND ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU AND MRS NIXON
AND THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES SINCERE
WARM AND FRATERNAL GREETINGS AND FELICITATIONS STOP
WE PRAY THAT THROUGH DIVINE GUIDANCE AND MUTUAL RESPECT
THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES WILL GROW EVEN STRONGER IN THE YEARS AHEAD STOP
WITH SENTIMENTS OF HIGHEST ESTEEM AND BEST WISHES FOR
YOUR PERSONAL WELLBEING AND FOR THE PEACE AND EVER
UPWARD SPIRALLING PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES WR TOLBERT JR"

2. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT TOLBERT
FROM MONROVIA: "ON THE JOYOUS OCCASION AS YOU HAPPILY
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CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA I
AM IMMENSELY GRATIFIED TO EXTEND TO YOU THE GOVERNMENT
AND PEOPLE OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY WARMEST FELICITATIONS
AND HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERN-
MENT AND PEOPLE OF LIBERIA AND IN MY OWN NAME STOP

IT IS OUR FERVENT PRAYER THAT ALMIGHTY GOD WILL PRESERVE
YOU AS A NATION TO LEAD MANKIND CONTINUINGLY UNTO NEW
FRONTIERS OF PEACE PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY STOP I
SEIZE THIS OCCASION ONCE MORE TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS
AND APPRECIATION FOR THE WARM WELCOME AND MAGNIFICENT
COURTESIES EXTENDED MRS TOLBERT MY SUITE AND ME DURING
OUR RECENT VISIT TO YOUR BEAUTIFUL AND PROGRESSIVE
COUNTRY STOP WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE HISTORICAL BONDS
OF FRIENDSHIP TRUST AND AFFECTION THAT HAVE CLOSELY
BOUND OUR TWO PEOPLES TOGETHER WERE FURTHER STRENGTHENED
STOP PLEASE ACCEPT OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GOOD HEALTH LONG LIFE AND PERSONAL WELLBEING AND FOR THE
INDUSTRIOUS PEOPLE OF AMERICA UNITY PEACE CONTINUED
PROSPERITY AND SOLIDARITY STOP WITH ASSURANCES HIGHEST
ESTEEM AND CONSIDERATION WR. TOLBER JR."

3. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
TOLBERT FROM PRESIDENT NIXON. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR
PRESIDENT TOLBERT: YOUR MESSAGES ON THE ANNIVERSARY
OF OUR INDEPENDENCE WERE DEEPLY APPRECIATED AS SYMBOLS
OF THE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH UNITE OUR
TWO PEOPLES. END QUOTE.

4. FYI. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF
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END FYI. ROGERS

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